



WISCONSIN FIREARM OWNERS **NEEDS** YOUR SUPPORT!

Wisconsin Firearms Owners is working hard everyday to protect your 2A rights here in Wisconsin. We are the only NRA and CMP State Affiliated Association in the State of Wisconsin.

It is our mission to be a wholistic protector of not only gun rights, but range support, education, and shooting sports.

In order to do the things we do,

WE NEED YOU TO JOIN AS A MEMBER!

It is important to stay proactive and keep an eye on all issues surrounding second amendment rights. That's why we have a full-time lobbying group keeping an eye out in Madison for you.

Our organization is completely volunteer, so any and all dues goes straight to the service of our mission.

WHAT WE DO:

- Protecting 2A Rights
- Full-time Lobbying
- Range Support + Protection
- Firearm Education
- Shooting Sports Support

WFO MEMBERSHIP

We want YOU to JOIN as a member for
Wisconsin Firearm Owners Today!

We NEED you to join as a Member of the
Wisconsin Firearm Association.
We are a 100% volunteer organization.
All of your dues goes to protecting 2A Rights!

Annual Membership is \$20 per year,
or Life Membership is \$250 for life!

Visit our website to join today!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WFO President Newsletter

2024 has much to look back on!

It started with the liberal Wisconsin Supreme Court ordering new gerrymandered maps to favor anti-gun democrats in the legislature. This sort of court-mandated manipulation of our elections is going to be troublesome for our 2nd Amendment interests until new maps are drawn via the legislature in 2031.

WFO and our NRA/PVF contacts worked together to get Wisconsin's NRA candidate grades online as early in the election cycle as we could and by the time the elections were over, Pro-2A candidates were able to maintain majorities even though the new maps flipped 14 seats in the Wisconsin Legislature. Those legislative majorities will ensure that our firearms rights are fairly protected until 2026. 2026 will bring a risk to losing the majority in the State Senate, due to the new maps. We will need to pay close attention to the candidates during the next legislative cycle.

Even with our Pro-2a legislative majorities, 2024 didn't bring any legislative victories with Anti-gun Governor, Tony Evers blocking any legislative victories for us.

The biggest worry that we are watching in Madison, is the Attorney General, Josh Kaul, and the Left-wing Supreme Court using the courts to bypass the legislature with lawfare ways to change the law without our elected officials' input. This spring will bring a chance to elect a new, pro-2a member to the State Supreme Court: former AG Brad Schimel. This election will be extremely important to stop the activist court. That election is right around the corner on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. We will be working to get out the vote on this election.

Everything in 2024 wasn't all politics:

In 2024 we saw our Wisconsin Junior Rifle team win the National Trophy Infantry Team match at Camp Perry! The teams led by WFO Treasurer Kaleb Hall (Team Captain) and former WFO President Mike Stewart (Team Coach) are only the 3rd civilian teams in history to win these matches (previously 1930 and 2009). This is truly a proud accomplishment and really reflects well on our Wisconsin Junior Rifle program. I couldn't be more proud of the team, and their leadership!

We have been seeing strong turnout in the Pistol and Rifle State Championships in Wisconsin and the match directors who volunteer to host these events have been doing a fantastic job. We appreciate their hard work! We have championship medals in stock and we are working with our match directors to provide champion plaques or medals as appropriate for each.

I'm proud to report that WFO is still 100% volunteer. That doesn't mean that we don't have expenses—quite the contrary! We have been thrifty with the money we collect from the annual membership dues and we are very appreciative of your ongoing support. I must also specifically thank Winnequah Gun Club and the Central Wisconsin Gun Collectors Association. Each group has contributed thousands to our association each year, and it really helps.

One of the expenses that is on the docket for 2025 is a new website and membership portal. When we partnered with our current provider, their service was in-line with the technology of the time. Now, our members struggle to sign up and renew online, and the reports that we get for emailing and sending snail mail to our members isn't working properly anymore. We need something better. Unfortunately, better is more expensive. Based on what we are seeing in the marketplace, the prominent software will do a better job of providing notification to members to renew, keep in touch about the work we are doing as an association, and provide a better outreach tool for prospective members.

2024 marks the retirement of Dave Holub from the WFO board. He has been serving as an officer of the association for as long as I can remember (over 15 years). He has been such a valuable asset! He is going to keep volunteering to work the association's membership processes until we transition to new membership and web software. We are so thankful of all of the work Dave has led for us over the years.

As things get more expensive, in our personal lives as well as our volunteer lives, we all find ourselves spending more time with our day jobs to pay the bills, which takes away from our free time. This has put us in a position where we need more help from volunteers, and we need better automation for the operations we do to keep the association running. Please reach out if you are available to help with membership, outreach, newsletters, mailing, or our legislative activities.

With the updates that we are working on for 2025 and the political clouds on the horizon, we are looking ahead to providing exceptional service to you, our members, and we are excited to take Wisconsin Firearm Owners forward!

Best, Rob Kovach

WHAT BILLS ARE WE LOBBYING ON?

| Bill Number | Stance | Description of Bill |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---|
| Senate Bill 863 | Against | Relating to: a requirement to report lost or stolen firearms and providing a penalty. (FE) |
| Senate Bill 864 | Against | Relating to: containers or trigger locks provided at a firearm sale and providing a penalty. |
| Senate Bill 982 | Against | Relating to: prohibiting possessing a firearm on college and university campuses and providing a penalty. |
| Senate Bill 1100 | Against | Relating to: eliminating the preemption on local government regulation of firearms. |
| Senate Bill 583/ Assembly Bill 542 | For | Relating to: grants to schools to acquire proactive firearm detection software and making an appropriation. (FE) |
| Senate Bill 466/ Assembly Bill 468 | For | Relating to: prohibiting firearms merchant category codes in payment card transactions, prohibiting government lists of firearm owners, and providing a penalty. |
| Senate Bill 372/ Assembly Bill 368 | Against | Relating to: sales and transfers of firearms and providing a penalty. (FE) |
| Senate Bill 353/ Assembly Bill 352 | Against | Relating to: a sales and use tax exemption for gun safety items. (FE) |
| Senate Bill 352/ Assembly Bill 350 | Against | Relating to: extreme risk protection temporary restraining orders and injunctions and providing a penalty. (FE) |
| Senate Bill 256/ Assembly Bill 250 | For | Relating to: possession of a firearm on school grounds by school employees and fees for licenses to carry a concealed weapon. (FE) |
| Assembly Bill 469 | Against | Relating to: imposing a tax on firearm manufacturers, services provided to victims of crimes involving firearms, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty. (FE) |

You can find all the bills we, and others lobby on at lobbying.wi.gov

Come to our 2025 Annual Meeting! It will be during the
Bob & Rocco Gun Show in Oshkosh!

February 15, 2025

Meeting at 12pm

Gun Show 9-5pm

Sunnyview Expo Center
500 E County Rd Y,
Oshkosh, WI 54901



Ballot Instructions



This official ballot for the election of 2025 Board of Directors is presented to all individual members in good standing as of December 15, 2024. This year there are three positions on the Board to be filled. Please review the brief biographies of the candidates before voting. Follow these instructions to cast your secret ballot. The candidates presented below are in alphabetical order.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Vote for a maximum of Three candidates by checking the box in front of the candidate.
2. You may vote for fewer than Three candidates.
3. Use a scissors to cut this ballot page from the newsletter. Only original ballots (NO COPIES) will be considered valid. Place your ballot in a sealed envelope.
4. You may choose to leave the sealed ballot envelope unmarked and place it inside of another envelope for mailing. Use of your return address is optional. WFO encourages a secret ballot.
5. On the outside of the mailing envelope, write the word "BALLOT" on the front lower left corner. Apply appropriate postage.
5. Mail your ballot to: WFO Election Committee, PO Box 130, Seymour, WI 54165-0130 For questions please email WFOTrigger@gmail.com
8. Final PO Box Ballot pickup, January 31, 2025. Late ballot(s) will not be counted.

★ 2024 Official Board of Director Ballot WFO ★



_____: **Tom Jones** -

I am a long time member of Wisconsin Firearm Owners.. I am the rifle director for the state since 2017. I am the coach and captain for the state service rifle team at camp Perry. I also am the match director for highpower at the Racine county line rifle club. I have a high master classification for Nra and have achieved my distinguished rifleman badge for the CMP. I have also been awarded the presidents 100 tab. Our state rifle matches have always been a priority for me to ensure that they are fair and balanced for all. Our crucial second amendment rights are also extremely important to me. I'm seeking re election to keep helping our rights as citizens providing my services.

_____: **Lane Ruhland, JD-** Lodi, Wisconsin

NRA Life Member, Nominated by NRA Nominating Committee, VP of Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO). Gun rights attorney. Mom of two Life Members. Worked with elected officials and WFO to defeat universal background check law, a red flag law and attempts to erode 2A protections. Shooter, hunter, endorsed by WFO. After facing backlash for representing political causes, started her own law firm so she could defend Second Amendment and pro-freedom clients. Represented Trump campaign in defamation lawsuit against Democrat super PAC. Works with political candidates that support firearms rights. Represented Hunter Nation in lawsuit leading to first Wisconsin Wolf Hunt in ten years. Represented Wisconsin Legislature in lawsuit to lift draconian stay-at-home orders during COVID 19. Represented RNC in Wisconsin 2016 presidential recount. Election Integrity Director for Wisconsin Republican Party. Trained lawyers and election observers in detection of election irregularities. Served on NRA's Women's Policies, Legal Affairs and Legislative Policy Committees.



_____: **Vacant:** Write-In: _____

All write-in's that would like to be seated onto the board **MUST** be present at the annual meeting on February 15, 2025.

This
could
be you!

If you joined as a member after December 15, 2024, you will be able to vote in next years election



Did you miss us?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

You may have noticed our monthly newsletters have been spotty this year. We are sorry about that, however we are looking for volunteers to help us! If this is something you would be interested in doing, please reach out to wfotrigger@gmail.com.

In addition, we could use volunteers to help with:

If you have any questions, reach out to President Rob Kovach,
kovach_robert@hotmail.com!

- Social Media Management
- Event Planning
- Grant Writing



Don't forget to vote

THIS APRIL!

This upcoming spring election is SUPER important given the **Wisconsin Supreme Court** is on the Ballot.

Even though we just came off a huge election, don't let April pass you by. It is our duty to get to the polls to protect 2A rights!

Go to myvote.wi.gov to see where your polling place is for **April 1, 2025!**



CAMP PERRY

2024

Camp Perry 2024 was a blast! Our Wisconsin Teams always has the best of times going to the National Matches.

We hope to see more of you join us in upcoming years!



WFO Pistol Team



JR Rifle Team won National Trophy Infantry Team



Wisconsin Muenster Members:
Coach William VanTreck,
Cedric Behrendt, Jim Pelishek
(puller), Isabella Behrendt



Team Wisconsin came in 14th place in the team match at National's! One of the team members came in 3rd overall for individual scores.





Represent Wisconsin at Camp Perry!



Have you been considering trying out shooting sports? Or already participate? Well you need to go to Camp Perry next year! Whether you shoot pistol or rifle, we have someone who can help show you the ropes.

A week of shooting, camping (more like glamping!), eating good food, and hanging with friends? What more could you ask for!

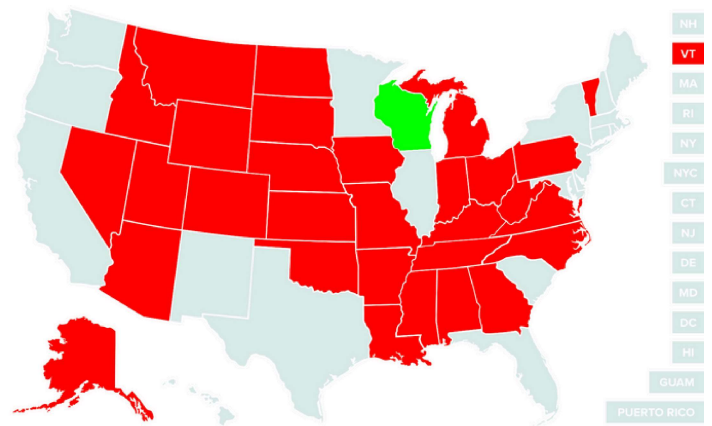
Reach out to President Rob Kovach (kovach_robert@hotmail.com) to learn more.

NRA-ILA Wisconsin Gun Laws

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION -
WISC. CONST. art. 1, § 25

The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.

[View Complete Info on our Website](#)



These States recognize Wisconsin's permit

- PERMIT-ISSUING STATE
- RECOGNIZING STATES
- NON-RECOGNIZING STATES

SUPREME COURT RULES 'BUMP STOCK' BAN ILLEGAL



Pictured: A soldier holds a machine gun. (Photo: Nathan Frisari/Getty Images)

By: Elizabeth Troutman Mitchell on the Daily Signal

In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court has found that the federal government cannot use a decades-old ban on machine guns to ban bump stocks.

"Semiautomatic firearms, which require shooters to reengage the trigger for every shot, are not machineguns. This case asks whether a bump stock—an accessory for a semiautomatic rifle that allows the shooter to rapidly reengage the trigger (and therefore achieve a high rate of fire)—converts the rifle into a 'machinegun.' We hold that it does not," wrote Justice Clarence Thomas.

Thomas was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Samuel Alito, and Neil Gorsuch in deciding the ban was illegal.

Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented.

"Congress's definition of 'machinegun' encompasses bump stocks just as naturally as M16s," wrote Sotomayor. "Just like a person can shoot 'automatically more than one shot' with an M16 through a 'single function of the trigger' if he maintains continuous backward pressure on the trigger, he can do the same with a bump-stock-equipped semiautomatic rifle if he maintains forward pressure on the gun."

She warned that the Supreme Court's ruling would have "deadly consequences."

"Today's decision to reject that ordinary understanding will have deadly consequences," Sotomayor added. "The majority's artificially narrow definition hamstring the Government's efforts to keep machineguns from gunmen like the Las Vegas shooter."

The case involved whether a bump stock device is a "machine gun" as defined in U.S. law.

For more than a decade, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives maintained that bump stocks were not machine guns as defined, and issued interpretation letters confirming that position.

The 1986 Firearm Owners' Protection Act prohibited the ownership of machine guns with certain exceptions. But on Oct. 1, 2017, a shooter used a bump stock to kill 60 people at a Las Vegas concert, spurring public demand for a ban on bump stocks.

The ATF reclassified bump stocks as machine guns in 2018, exposing owners to criminal liability.

A Texas man, Michael Cargill, surrendered his bump stocks, but filed a lawsuit challenging the ATF regulations. Cargill argued that the ATF exceeded its authority in defining bump stocks as machine guns.

[Read the rest of the article on DailySignal.com!](#)

2024

WI Indoor State Pistol Champion

Congrats to Jay for winning the Indoor State Pistol Championship this year!

Jay had an impressive score of 1641-28x!



Jay Vergenz



WI Outdoor State Pistol Champion

Robert Farrell

Congratulations to Robert Farrell for becoming the 2024 Outdoor State Pistol Champion!

Rob shot an impressive 2537-79x!

Also, congrats to Rob for getting married this year! He credits his wife as a huge part of his success and thanks her for her unwavering support!



2024

WI M-1 Garand Champion

Congrats to Curt for winning the M-1 Garand Championship this year! He shot an amazing 456-4x!



Curt Krielkamp

2024

Mid-Range Prone Champion & Service Rifle Champion



Thomas McGowan

Huge shoutout to Thomas McGowan for winning the 2024 Mid Range Prone Championship AND Service Rifle Championship.

Another insanely impressive year for Mr. McGowan!

Thomas shot a score of 1595-95x for Mid-Range Prone and a 793-39x for the Service Rifle Match.



2024

High Power Rifle State Champion

Josh Hanrahan

Congratulations to Josh Hanrahan for becoming 2024 High Power Rifle State Champion!

Josh shot an impressive 787-35x!



IN THE NEWS:

Wisconsin Juniors Make Record-Setting History at 2024 National Rifle Matches

By Ashley Dugan, CMP Staff Writer



CAMP PERRY, Ohio – For just the second time in the existence of the National Matches, a junior team claimed the overall win in the National Trophy Infantry Team event. To solidify their place in the history books even more, the collective members set new national junior and civilian records with their score of 1361 along the way.

The annual National Matches has been held each summer at the Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility in Port Clinton, Ohio, for over a century and is

currently facilitated by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). The month-long event features rifle, pistol and air gun opportunities suited for both adults and juniors – welcoming some of today's best marksmen and women, those new to the sport and everything in between.

The National Trophy Infantry Team Match is a crowd favorite – a six-person team event featuring 384 rounds, beginning at 600 yards and moving forward until all rounds are used. Because of the sound made by the constant firing, the match is better known as the “Rattle Battle” amongst the marksmanship community.

The Rattle Battle was first held in 1922, and, before this year, only two civilian teams had ever won the competition. The first was in 1930, while the second came nearly 80 years later in 2009 when the California Grizzlies earned the top civilian honor as well as becoming the first junior team to ever overtake the match. Wisconsin's juniors and coaches admitted to performing poorly in the event at past National Matches, but, this year, they were ready to secure their own place in the legacy of the treasured event.

“Historically, we’ve not done well in that match,” said Wisconsin’s team captain, Kaleb Hall. “We wanted to change things, so we put some time and effort into making it happen, and the results showed up.”

Along with the overall win, Wisconsin earned the Leatherneck Trophy as the top civilian team in the match and was, of course, the high junior team.

“Last year, we put a lot of work into the Infantry Trophy team match,” he said. “We spent a lot of time and effort to get everybody up to speed on what it takes to win.”

Read the rest of the article at

<https://thecmp.org/wisconsin-juniors-make-record-setting-history-at-2024-national-rifle-matches/>



Wisconsin Firearm Owners Junior Service Rifle Supporters



<https://www.friendsofnra.org/>



<https://kriegerbarrels.com/>



<http://www.nosler.com/>



<http://www.bruxbarrels.com/>



<http://www.vortexoptics.com/>



<http://www.hodgdonreloading.com/>



<http://www.halltitle.com/>



<http://www.wisconsintrigger.com/>

Wood County Rifle
and Pistol Club

<http://www.wcrifle.org/>

**Racine County Line
Rifle Club**

Devoted to the Shooting
Sports

<https://www.racinecountylinerrifleclub.com/>

HOLUB MACHINE
& REPAIR, LLC

<http://www.newhighpower.com/>

Central Wisconsin Gun
Collectors Association

<http://www.centralwisconsin-gun.org/>

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Aluminum Foundry LTD.



<https://www.chippewafoundry.com/>



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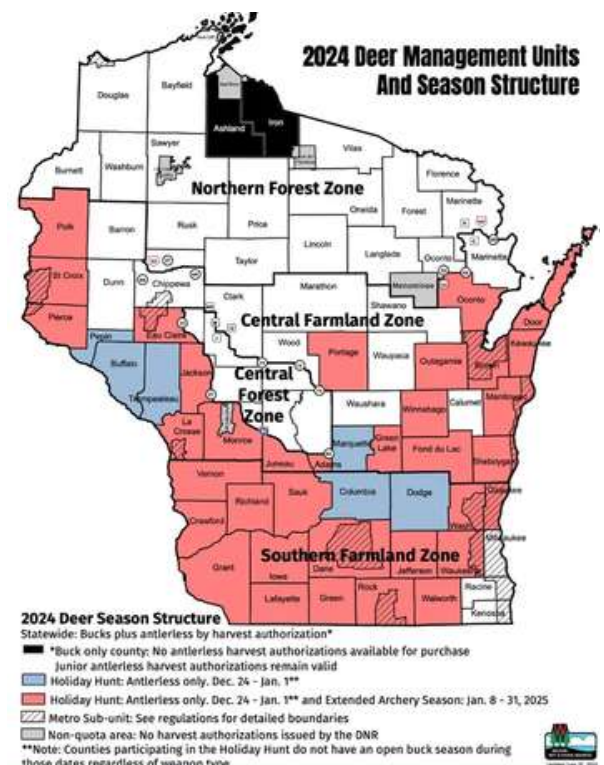
Hunting Stats

2024

Preliminary figures indicate the number of deer hunters in Wisconsin slightly increased compared to 2023.

As of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, sales for deer hunting privileges (which include gun, archery, crossbow, conservation patron and sports licenses) reached 791,023, up from 788,697 for the same time period last year. Of those, 553,652 were for gun privileges only, up from 553,479 in 2023.

Deer hunting license and harvest authorization sales will continue throughout the remaining deer hunting seasons. Final license sales figures will be available in January, when DNR staff will perform a thorough analysis and interpretation.



WHAT'S NEW:

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB UPGRADES & EXPANDS!



50 YARD RANGE UPGRADED

Winnequah Gun Club is excited announce the upgrades and revival of their precision pistol (Bullseye) program!

They have been hard at work over the past 12 months removing the old 10 point 50 yard outdoor firing line and constructing a new and expanded firing line with 20 covered firing points! They also installed new electronic timing and pneumatic controlled targets at the 25 yard line.

If you have been curious to try out Precision Pistol (Bullseye) there will be an open house and introduction to the sport on May 10 & 11 2025!

WINNEQUAH LONG RANGE EXPANDED

Have you ever wanted to shoot the NRA Across The Course National Championships along with a Team match and a Leg match too, without even leaving Wisconsin?

Well mark your calendars for the first week in June, 2024 this is your chance!

On top of everything else, you get a:

“Warm Up Match” on Sunday before the Nationals, so you can check your zero, and familiarize yourself with the range conditions and the new Shotmarker Target system. A bunch of incredible Winnequah members have taken on the Herculean task of adding a full 20 new targets to the existing 32 target range, bringing it to 52. Hundreds of trees were removed, many thousands of yards of dirt and berms were moved. A large new concrete target storage shed was built and buried into the low end of the range, as well as expansion of the large target number board system. The new Shotmarker Target system has all the microphones mounted right on the target corners (like most other ranges) and provided accurate shot placement during the F-Class Nationals in August of this year at Winnequah.

As you can see by the pictures, there is still much to be done, but the range is fully expanded and functioning.

To see the full Match program, go to:

winnequahgunclub.org

Click Schedule, Outdoor Schedule

June 1st through June 7th, Across

The Course National Championship

Click here for full information, to see schedule and print program.





- ☐ Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin.
- ☐ As your **NRA** and **CMP** State Association, **WFO** sanctions State Championships for multiple shooting disciplines.
- ☐ Our lobbying efforts have helped to clean up Wisconsin's handgun restrictions.
- ☐ We are the only **NRA** State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
- ☐ **WFO** and the **NRA** led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- ☐ **WFO** provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
- ☐ **Wisconsin Firearm Owners** gives you a voice in Madison to protect your Second Amendment Rights.

JOIN US TODAY TO HELP PROTECT YOUR GUN RIGHTS <https://www.wisconsinfirearmowners.org/>

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RANGES • CLUBS • EDUCATORS

MEMBER TYPE:

Individual ____ Annual \$20 ____ Life \$250
Club or Business ____ Junior Membership FREE (under 18)
____ Regular Annual \$30
____ Patriot Annual \$250

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ DOB: _____

Type of Payment

☐ Cash

☐ Check

Can pay via Paypal
Online on our
website!

Mail To: Wisconsin Firearm Owners PO Box 130 Seymour, WI 54165

I certify that I am not now, and never have been, a member of any organization which has in any part of its program, the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence, and that I have never been convicted of a felony, crime of violence, or misdemeanor domestic violence, and I am not otherwise prohibited from owning firearms. If admitted to membership in Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs & Educators Inc. I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship, and I will uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Second Amendment thereto.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)

Mission

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

Securing Our Rights The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WFO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

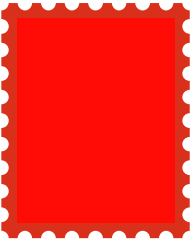
Club and Range Support

We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by WFO. Please join us today!

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December 2024

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